

DECEMBER 10, 2017

THE LORD'S DAY

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Congregational Prayer
11:00 AM **Morning Worship**

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn #168 **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**
MENDELSSOHN

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.*

Scripture Reading **Matthew 1:1-25**

*Hymn #432 **“Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!”**
HYFRYDOL

Choral Anthem

*Jesus came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace;
Sent with gifts of love and mercy for a wayward human race.
Costly gifts of gold and incense offered at the baby's birth
Were as dust beside the treasure which the Father sent to earth.*

*Wondrous thought, that this small Baby held the promise of God's love,
Bringing mortals hope and healing from God's treasure house above.
Alleluia, praise the Baby, praise the life He came to live!
Alleluia, praise the Father; praise the Gift He chose to give!*

*Jesus came to dwell among us, full of truth and full of grace;
Heralds uttered joyful tidings to a waiting human race.
Alleluia, praise the Baby, greatest Gift of all was He!
Alleluia, praise the Father; His the Gift which set us free.*

Receiving of Members

Pastoral Prayer

*Supplement Hymn #48 **“Ere the Blue Heavens”**
OLD HUNDREDTH

Sermon **“Grace for Sinners”**

God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

Although, in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first Cause, all things come to pass immutably, and infallibly; yet, by the same providence, He orders them to fall out, according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.

God, in His ordinary providence, makes use of means, yet is free to work without, above, and against them, at His pleasure.

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter V
“Of Providence,” Sections 1-3

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Lessons & Carols**

— PRELUDE —

Processional **“O Holy Night”**

*Hymn #151 **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**
ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

*Hymn #153 **“Behold, a Branch Is Growing”**
ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Children's Choir **“On a Silent, Holy Night”**

First Lesson **“Come, Thou Jesu”**

Second Lesson **“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”**

Third Lesson **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

Fourth Lesson **“Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us”**

Fifth Lesson **Psalm 110**

Sixth Lesson **“Hail to the Lord's Anointed!”**

Seventh Lesson **“Come to the Light”**

*Psalter Hymn #98A **Psalm 98:1-9**
DESERT

Recessional **“He Is Born”**

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing